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'Elvis Found Alive' Joel Gilbert (MVDvisual, 4 Stars)

This DVD will arrive on Jan. 24, but an "Elvis Found Alive" CD was released Jan. 6 after digital release last December. Dylan devotee and documentary filmmaker Gilbert is depicted as having made a Freedom of Information Act request for US Government files on the deceased King that revealed Jim Burrows (Elvis' 1970s alias) living in Simi Valley, CA.

Most of the film features Burrows/Elvis in shadow being interviewed by Gilbert and his crew. Many things that Elvis did during his life, including the King pressing President Nixon for a DEA badge (and agent status, according to the movie) play into the theory of Elvis being a government double agent in its fight with the radical left Weather Underground, the Black Panthers and the Mob. This eventually led to the King faking his death with Dr. Nick's help and entering the Witness Protection Program.

In other words, this film is entertaining and at least partially believable.

Here's the first of the 2011 "honorable mentions" that space wouldn't permit last week followed by a tribute to one of music's pioneers that PBS fans may have seen.

- Ricky Flake